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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJ: MINDEF REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE ON INSTALLATION
OF TOW ON GAZELLE

REF: A. KUWAIT 1135; B. STATE 230443; C. KUWAIT 3407
D. KUWAIT 4371

1. USG HAS NO INHERENT INTEREST IN INSTALLATION AND ADAPTA-
TION OF TOW TO FRENCH BUILT GAZELLE HELICOPTERS. GAZELLE
IS NOT IN USE BY US FORCES, NOR IS ITS USE PLANNED. CASE
CITED REF D IN WHICH NAVIGATION EQUIP WAS INSTALLED ON
KUWAIT C-130 ACFT IS NOT ANALAGOUS SINCE IT INVOLVED US
EQUIP ON US BUILT ACFT. WE BELIEVE IT INAPPRO-
PRIATE FOR USG TO BECOME QUOTE RESPONSIBLE PARTY UNQUOTE
FOR THIS ESSENTIALLY GOK PROGRAM.

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2. ACCORDINGLY, USG POSITION REMAINS AS STATED IN REF B.

ADAPTATION, INSTALLATION AND TRAINING CANNOT RPT NOT
BE HANDLED ON FMS BASIS. GOK SHOULD BE ADVISED TO
NEGOTIATE DIRECTLY WITH PRIVATE CONTRACTOR. USG WILL NOT
RPT NOT UNDERTAKE THESE NEGOTIATIONS ON BEHALF OF GOK.

3. FYI: AS INDICATED REFTTEL C, SOME PRELIMINARY DIS-
CUSSION MAY HAVE BEEN HELD. CONTRACTOR SHOULD SUBMIT
PROPOSAL TO MUNITIONS CONTROL BEFORE UNDERTAKING DEFINITIVE
COMMITMENT TO GOK. IF MUNITIONS CASE IS APPROVED, A
COMMERCIAL PROPOSAL COULD THEN BE PRESENTED TO GOK, AS A
FIRST STEP IN ACCOMMODATING GOK DESIRES WITHOUT USG
ASSUMING THE ROLE OF QUOTE RESPONSIBLE PARTY UNQUOTE.
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